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COLGATE WON ANNUAL GAME

Varsity Played Plucky Game, but Lost to a Heavier Team

On Whitnall Field, Hamilton, last Saturday, Hamilton went down in defeat to Colgate for the fifth successive time. The Colgate game is the game of the season to which every man on this hillside looks forward from the time the whistle blows in the first game of the season. We would rather lose every game on the schedule, if by so doing we could win this last game. For five years Hamilton teams have been unsuccessful as to victories, but never yet has a Colgate game occasioned a blush of shame. The success of a team lies not entirely in games won but in the way in which they are played, and we all know that a Hamilton team, win or lose, plays with every ounce of fight it possesses clear through to the finish. And Colgate knows it, too. This last game is always a conundrum and an uncertain quantity until the result is known. It is the big game of this section and football enthusiasts anticipate it with pleasure. This year it was no exception to the rule. We had hoped to win. We didn't. We offer no excuses. We were beaten fairly and squarely. It was not because we did not play just as good football as did Colgate; it was not that luck was against us, and we didn't lose for lack of speed and grit. The same old story *outweighed* did the trick.

It was a hard-fought contest and one which required the coolest of headwork on the part of both quarterbacks. Forward passes were in evidence throughout the game, end runs were frequent and the punting abilities of both Waite and White were tested to the limit. It was an open game, spectacular, exciting, but rough in the extreme. Seldom do we see a rough game between these old-time rivals but this year, holding, kneeing, and occasional slugging prevailed. Both teams were at fault.

Aside from the game proper, there was much enthusiasm shown by the supporters of the two teams. Both the Colgate and Hamilton stands were gaily decked with colors which waved throughout the game. A special train leaving Clinton at 1:15 carried the College body to Hamilton, and no team was ever better supported from the side-lines. Colgate rooters also delivered the goods, so that the singing and yelling department was by no means neglected. The Clinton and Hamilton brass bands also had a little side bout.

Colgate came on the field first and was greeted by a repetition of yells from the stand and a few minutes later Hamilton was ushered on with the "long" yell. As the teams lined up it was evident that Colgate had the better of weight by about 15 pounds per man. Then the game began in earnest.

FIRST HALF

At 2:30 White kicked off for Hamilton to Colgate's 20-yard line. The ball went out of bounds and White again kicked to Colgate. Keegan carried it back 10 yards from the 15-yard line. Clark, Woodman and Moore by line plunges carried the ball to the centre of the field. Colgate was penalized 15 yards for holding. Waite on a fake punt made 10 yards around end. Waite then punted to Hamil-

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Letter from Scoon, '07

The College, no doubt, remembers the time when Scoon, '07, won the Rhodes scholarship. We all rejoiced with him because of this well earned honor. Doubtless, too, some have been thinking of him and wondering as to how he was succeeding at the old university across "the pond." These will be especially interested in the following letter, which has been received from him, telling of his interests at Oxford.

". . . Thirty-eight Rhodes scholars left Philadelphia on Saturday morning for Liverpool, and we had a fine time going over, with beautiful weather most of the way and a good ship. We did not make very good time, as it took us about eleven days to cross, but we were getting acquainted and did not care how long it took. We arrived in Liverpool on Wednesday at twelve o'clock, passed the Customs in short order and went directly to Oxford. I took lodgings for the night and went around to Merton in the morning. After I had seen all my baggage (you see I do not say 'luggage') in my room, I joined a little party of seven and went to London, where we spent four days of sight-seeing and theatre-going . . . in four days a crowd of fellows can see a good deal, and I enjoyed every minute of it.

My rooms (No. 1 Mob Quad) are in the oldest part of the Oldest College here in Oxford: in the Catalogues, University and Balliol are placed ahead but that is mere technicality and Merton is conceded to be the oldest college in Oxford; it has also the distinction of having the oldest buildings among the colleges; . . . the Chapel and Hall are considered very fine specimens of

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ton's 30-yard line, Holley recovering 10 yards. Sidle and White tried Colgate's line for no gain and White punted 35 yards, Moore being downed in his tracks. Woodman made 5 yards through the line and a forward pass netted 5 yards. Colgate fumbled. Hamilton's ball in the centre of the field. McLean and White made 3 yards and White punted to Colgate's 45-yard line where Wilson fell on the ball. Leavenworth made 5 yards on a forward pass. Sidle fumbled. Colgate's ball on 35-yard line. Woodman made 5 yards. Waite punted to Hamilton's 35-yard line. Wilson made 5 yards on a forward pass. White punted 40 yards. Whelan came back 10 yards. McDonald and Woodman in two plays carried the ball 20 yards. Waite tried for a place kick but failed at goal. Here the game was hard-fought, with honors about even. Holley tried a forward pass and lost the ball on the 45-yard line. Loeber picked up the ball and ran for touchdown. Waite failed at goal. Score, Colgate 5, Hamilton 0.

Then followed an exchange of punts and some good gains by both teams. Hamilton, with the ball on the 30-yard line, secured a touchdown by means of a forward pass to Wilson. White kicked the goal. Score, Colgate 5, Hamilton 6.

After the next kick-off, Colgate procured the ball on a fumble and brought it to the 20-yard line, where Waite kicked a goal from placement. Score, Colgate 9, Hamilton 6.

The play for the rest of the half was in Colgate's favor. A long forward pass by Colgate was intercepted and fumbled by Holley on the 10-yard line from where on three plays Woodman was pushed over for a touchdown, making the score at the close of the half, Colgate 14, Hamilton 6.

SECOND HALF

Colgate kicked off from the north end of the field. Holley fumbled but regained the ball on the 5-yard line. White punted to the centre of the field and Moore returned the ball 5 yards.

A poor forward pass lost Colgate the ball. Hamilton was penalized 15 yards on her first play, but Holley's forward pass gained 25 yards. McLean fumbled and lost 15 yards thereby. White punted; Colgate misjudged the ball, but Moore fell on it on Colgate's 5-yard line. Waite punted and Holley returned the ball to Colgate's 30-yard line. Hamilton was stopped on a line buck. Then, on a fake drop-kick, McLean took the ball to Colgate's 10-yard line.

Hamilton was held for downs, Holley's quarterback run being stopped by Loeber. Colgate took the ball for 3 yards through the line, but punted on the next play. Waite kicked high and Holley returned to Colgate's 20-yard line. Hamilton was thrown for a loss on a play around Colgate's right end. Waite punted to the centre of the field and Colgate fell on the fumbled ball, but lost it the next play. White punted to Colgate's 40-yard line and Moore advanced the ball 30 yards. Colgate was penalized for holding and the next play failed to gain. Waite punted to the centre of the field and Holley was stopped in his tracks. White punted and Keegan advanced the ball 20 yards. Again Waite punted to the middle of the field and White was dropped by Loeber as he touched the ball. White punted and Moore, on receiving the kick, ran out of bounds.

The play during this part of the half was almost entirely in Colgate's territory and the game was a punting match in which White had a slight advantage.

Again Hamilton received a punt and after no advance punted in turn. Colgate was then penalized for holding to her 5-yard line. Waite punted and Holley advanced the ball to Colgate's 20-yard line. On two line bucks Hamilton netted only 5 yards. At this point Holley showed some splendid drop-kicking. He booted the ball over the bar from the 16-yard line, but Hamilton was penalized for holding and the goal did not count. With equal ease, however, he did the trick from the 40-yard line on the next play.

Score, Hamilton 10, Colgate 14.

Waite kicked off to White, who came up the field for 20 yards. The ball then went to Colgate on Hamilton's 20-yard line. The ball was seesawed up and down the field in an exchange of punts and losses on forward pass. Hamilton held on her 5-yard line, but was penalized for holding on the line and the ball was given again to Colgate. Woodman was shoved across in the next play for a touchdown.

Score, Hamilton 10, Colgate 20.

Hamilton kicked off to Colgate's 15-yard line and Keegan carried the ball to the 30-yard line. Waite punted 35 yards and Holley was again tackled by Loeber. It was then Hamilton's ball in Hamilton territory. There was then an exchange of punts and frequent fumbles with small gain for either side.

The line-up:

HAMILTON 10.		COLGATE 20.
Leavenworth (Daly)	left end	McDonald
Osborn	left tackle	Keegan
Glover	left guard	Waite
Williams	center	Proctor
Thomas	right guard	Capt Houseman
Kellogg	right tackle	Boardman
Wilson	right end	Loeber
McLean	right halfback	Moore
White	fullback	Woodman
Sidle (Jones)	left halfback	Clark
Capt. Holley	quarterback	Whelan

Referee, Evans, Williams.
Umpire, Southworth, Swarthmore.
Head Linesman, Wright, Hobart.
Touchdowns, Loeber, Woodman (2), Wilson.
Goal from Placement, Waite.
Goal from Field, Holley.
Goals, Waite, White.
Time of Halves, 35 and 30 minutes.

The Football schedule for the season of 1907 is as follows:

Sept.	28	Cazenovia S. 0	Hamilton 32
Oct.	2	Cornell U. 23	Hamilton 0
"	5	St. Lawrence U. 0	Hamilton 10
"	12	LaFayette C. 43	Hamilton 0
"	19	Rochester 26	Hamilton 9
"	26	Syracuse U. 22	Hamilton 0
Nov.	2	Union U. 0	Hamilton 6
"	9	Colgate U. 20	Hamilton 10

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IN A SMALL COLLEGE, such as Hamilton, the system of coaching which is now in force seems, to all who give it a serious thought, to be at least an expensive luxury. As matters now stand, we bring a coach here from some other college and pay him a good round sum for coaching our team. Some years we have had good teams; other years not so good. Nor is this an insinuation that the coaches we have had, have not been competent or have not worked faithfully in the production of our athletic teams. But the complaint that is brought against this system is the expense involved.

As in many other colleges, athletics at Hamilton are supported mainly by student subscription. Does it seem fair that athletics should demand our hearty financial support, and that the money thus gained — and sometimes ill-spared — should be spent rather unwisely in the procuring of a highly-paid coach? And has the result gained ever justified this step? We think not. Not to disparage the work of the coaches in past years, we doubt very much if Hamilton ever had an exceptionally good team solely from the efforts of the expensive coach.

One natural and perfectly simple solution to all this is the employment of the graduate coach. This means that instead of securing a man from another college, whom we must pay a large salary, a graduate of Hamilton be secured as coach, preferably one who has been but one or two years out of College. The services of such a man could be secured for much less than a graduate of another College would demand, and he would have an added incentive for turning out a good team, in the fact that his efforts were being put forth for the sake of his Alma Mater. Such seems to us a saner and a wiser plan than the one now followed and we commend it to all who are interested as worthy of their earnest consideration.

AT LAST WE HAVE come to the point where we must definitely state our position with regard to anonymous contributions for publication in these columns. Henceforth no letter will be published except over the author's name. Our reason is that when such an article is published, unsigned, because the editors allow it space, they must be regarded as in some degree supporting its views. They will gladly receive contributions, and in fact solicit them, but the man who makes them must back them with his name. Especially is this true of articles which are critical in their tone. An anonymous letter, and especially one which attacks customs of some standing, is the coward's weapon and deserves no man's attention. Anyone can write a spiteful attack on any phase of college life which he may desire to criticize. But here on this Hill we don't want that sort of thing and we don't believe that the alumni care for it. We have a good College here, — we want a better one. We want more men, more money, more courses and more professors. And how will these be obtained? Surely not by everyone's grandiloquently relating how he would run it if he were doing things. Not a bit of it! We will get the things we want and Hamilton will become what it can be and must be, only when we all bend our backs for a long, steady heave which will make our ears ring and throb. Now in the future, let's not go out of our way to find things to criticize. It's just as easy to commend what we have and leads to vastly more satisfactory results.

WE HAVE A complaint to make on our own behalf, which surely ought not to appear in a college paper. In all the articles handed to the editors there appears a lamentable lack of knowledge as to clean-cut sentence construction, and worse than that, an almost complete lack of punctuation. Surely men who have arrived at the necessary years of discretion to be in College, ought to be able to write and punctuate an English sentence. We believe that they are, but we know that most of them are too lazy or indifferent to perform the task. This leaves the "copy" in a woeful state after the editors have read it. Consequently when the printer, with his instructions to "follow copy," gets through with it, the inevitable mistakes cause trouble. Write *plainly*, then, and on one side of the paper; punctuate as you write — your meaning will be clear and the editors and printer will bless you for it.

Prof. Davenport Speaks

Prof. Davenport is to give a series of lectures at the New Century Auditorium this winter on the general topic, "The Railway as a Political Problem." The dates and subjects will be: Nov. 19, "The Different Railway Systems of the United States;" Nov. 26, "The Financing of Railways;" Dec. 3, "The Railway as a Monopoly;" Jan. 7, "Railway Abuses;" Jan. 21, "The American Method of Public Control;" Jan. 28, "Government Ownership and Cooperation." These lectures will be well worth the close attention and regular attendance of every man among us.

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old architecture. Mob Quad, in which I am located, is the oldest part of the college, but is really very comfortable. I have a bedroom and a sitting room that are far larger than any in Hamilton, are well furnished, and conveniently situated. I have breakfast and lunch in my room and dinner in the Hall.

My work has not been arranged so well . . . I wanted to study Philosophy and History. The only undergraduate course in Philosophy is in the Literæ Humaniores department and includes a great deal of Latin and Greek; in fact they tell me that you ought to be able to read these two languages with your feet on the fender, which of course I cannot do. Leaving out this large dose of Latin and Greek, the course is about what I would want to take, except that the stress is so much on the ancient philosophy, and modern philosophy is put in the background for remote study. I may take this course, but it will mean hard work to get a degree in three years, and that degree will be B. A. I could study for the B. Sc. in Philosophy (the Englishman says that Philosophy is a science and the study of it would lead to B. Sc. and not B. Litt.) but this is an advanced course and those who take it set to work on a thesis, which is more or less narrow, and aim to make some advancement to the subject. So I am going to try for Philosophy B. A., at least for a little while, and if I can't stand the pace, I'll take the easiest course in the university and read Philosophy by myself. But I am not worrying, for there is no hurry, and as for making these Senior tutors and Deans do anything right away, it would be absurd and really inappropriate.

. . . I am anxious to hear about everything new at College, and hope that this will be a very successful year in all respects.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT M. SCOON."

—The new doors in the Gym. have been set in place and the stairs boxed in.

The "Lit" Critique

The good custodian of the earnest, if deficient, writer may rest his cudgel for the present as our pen is dipped in the honey of satisfaction. The first issue of the "Lit." under its new editor is pleasingly unique. Instead of regretting our subscription, as we have sometimes done, we begin to feel other reasons than duty which should prompt us to pay it — sometime. The poems are not the usual adolescent indiscretions which are tolerated for their good intentions. There is not the usual eminently good feature in the humble company of dilettant *efforts*: from first page to last there is nothing which is not worthy of hovering over for a moment at least.

Mr. Truax has burst upon us at last with a long pent-up store of good things and is riding his Pegasus at high speed and with the grace of a skilled equestrian. The sonnet upon the title page we consider, without flattery, as the best college sonnet that *we* have seen. We are timid in using the word "Miltonic" for fear of incurring the wrath of the versatile demolisher of Ambrose Bierce, but the mood that it engenders is so entirely uncarnal and pure that we should like to use it.

We are glad to see what we once heard and admired, the K. P. of Barrows, '07. It has the grace and perfection of cadence which is a characteristic of its author. There is one other contribution from an alumnus, but these do not impress us as such things usually do, as denoting a poverty of undergraduate contributions and the editor's despairing last resort.

Dounce seems to have become discouraged by his harsh criticism and has paused in his story-telling. The first of his Campus Odes, dedicated to "Square," is very choice and has an appeal to the hearts of the sons of Hamilton that strikes a deep chord. The first lines are impelling and they ring through our mind. "Chapel bell in curfew calling" with many a dear memory. And Carnegie, happy, blatant, crazy Carnegie, who dwells there that does not appreciate, "A galleon, floating on a sea of golden light." We want more of those songs. We are glad that there are to be more.

Welch and Hastings both have poems which would have appeared more advantageously without comparison with the other poems of the issue. Welch is stilted and obscure and capable of much better things. Hastings is rather — well, rather prep-schoolish if you will excuse the coinage, but we like his poetry for all that.

In the "Japan of Lafcadio Hearn," Truax has ably dealt with a difficult subject — doubly difficult because of the strangeness of the Orient and the mysterious genius of him who has done more than any other to interpret the exotic life of the East. He does not attempt the useless and give us a trite treatment of the Japanese morals and customs but skilfully conveys an idea of the spirit that dominates that great people. Truax also has another poem which has driven us to the dic-

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COLLEGE NOTES

— The first musical concert will be held in Herkimer next Friday evening.

— "Bill" Mahady has opened his lunch room at the foot of Freshman Hill.

— The Class pictures will be taken directly after noon Chapel, next Wednesday.

— Proofs of the picture of the football squad are now in the hands of A. F. Osborn.

— There will be no Y. M. C. A. meeting tomorrow as the Communion service comes at twelve o'clock.

— The following have earned the football H this fall: Holley, White, Williams, McLean, Thomas, Osborn, Wilson, Glover, Leavenworth, Sidle.

— Coach Crook was presented, on his departure, with a signet ring by the men of the football squad as a token of the esteem in which they hold him.

— The 1907-8 Spalding Basketball Guide contains a full-page picture of the Hamilton team of last season.

— A chess tournament has been arranged among the members of all classes to be played off by Dec. 12.

— C. B. MacCarthy, '08, is attending the annual convention of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity at Louisville, Ky., this week.

— Wednesday noon the election for next year's football captaincy was held. H. Osborn and Thomas were nominated but as each of the numerous ballotings resulted in a tie, it was decided to postpone the election.

— The total number of points scored by Hamilton this season is 67, and by her opponents 134. It must be remembered, however, that four of the games were played against big universities far out of our class and under such consideration the results seem satisfactory.

— Next week Wilcox, '09, will attend the International Convention of the Y. M. C. A. at Washington.

ALUMNIANA

[To meet the demand that LIFE publish more news relating to the Alumni, this department is inaugurated. To make it what it should be the co-operation of Alumni and undergraduates is earnestly desired. Hand all Alumni notes to some member of the Board — he'll do the rest.— ED.]

'64. United States Senator Clark has come out with a statement that Elihu Root, '64, will undoubtedly be our next President. A Massachusetts paper, on the other hand, holds that he will be above accepting the candidacy, even if it be offered him.

'76. Kessinger has been re-elected Mayor of Rome.

'78. Lyon, as candidate for Associate Judge of Court of Appeals on the Independent ticket, was defeated, receiving one-quarter the votes of Edward T. Bartlett, his opponent.

'88. Invitations have been issued for the marriage, on Nov. 21st, in New York, of Miss Elsie Shaw and Henry J. Hemmens.

Tremaine was on the Hill last week.

'97. Scovel was on the Hill Tuesday.

'98. The wedding of Miss Bessie Stone, of Camden, and Rev. Paul R. Abbott, of New York, took place at the home of the bride last Tuesday.

'99. Lee, of New York, has been re-elected Assemblyman for the 18th District.

'01. R. C. S. Drummond was re-elected City Judge of Auburn.

The engagement of Miss Alice Mills of Camden, to Howard I. Davenport has been announced.

'02. Minor has accepted a position as Manager of the Omaha Branch of the Western Electric Company.

'02. Dr. F. H. Church has opened an office at 225 Genesee Street, Utica.

'04. Toll is studying Philosophy at the University of Berlin.

'05. Hoffman is Professor of Science in the Schenectady High School.

Dean expects to leave for China next summer as a missionary under the auspices of the Episcopal Church.

'07. Kuolt, who is Principal in the public schools of North Tonawanda, was on the Hill last week.

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tionary, a wickedness that we cannot condone.

After coming to the conclusion that McLean's "The Cicada" is not an attempt at humor, as the strangely sibilant and mystifying introduction would indicate, we are in a position to appreciate its certain constrained reflection, the somewhat elaborate impressiveness. Unfortunately, not only is the conceit handicapped at times by curiously constructed over-pretentiousness, but it has by no means received its due at the printer's hands, being marred throughout by astonishing irregularities of punctuation. This seems to denote a need of more careful proof-reading. Though possibly "The Cicada" exacts a study which its merit cannot warrant, these obvious obstacles are well worth overcoming.

Dounce has a keen criticism of Sterling's "Wine of Wizardry" which shows splendid polemical skill and ability to write fascinatingly.

Woollcott has spared himself and written only an article upon Richard Mansfield, besides the editorials. He writes in his usual crisp, apt and well-formed sentences, which need no comment.

The first of a series of stories of old College life by Prof. Ibbotson tells us charmingly of the days of '86 to '90 and we look forward to this series as a valuable contribution to our self knowledge.

May the new Board bring us many another issue just as good.

— The following were on the Hill this week: Cross, '81, Reed, '91, McLaughlin, '03, Edie, '04, Nellis, '06, Sittig, '06, Hoyt, '07, Kuolt, '07.

— Smith, '08, Renwick and Stube, '10, are entered in the cross-country run for next Tuesday. The race will start at Clinton, taking this course: To New Hartford, through Higby Lane, down Oneida St. to Oneida Square, and along Genesee St. to Elizabeth where it will end. The runners will be cared for at the Y .M. C. A. headquarters. The finish of the race is timed for 12:30.

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